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MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION
(Department of Labour and Employment)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 17th September, 1968

S.O. 3385.—Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that an industrial dispute exists between the employers and workmen in the newspaper establishments mentioned in the Annexure, in respect of the implementation of the recommendations of the Wage Board for non-journalist employees, as accepted by the Central Government by its Resolution No. WB 17(7)/67, dated the 18th November, 1967, in regard to the matters mentioned in the Schedule;

And whereas the said employers and their workmen agreed to settle the dispute amicably by negotiations on the basis that the employers would make an interim payment, in addition to the existing emoluments, of 70 per cent of the difference between the existing emoluments and the emoluments payable under the recommendations of the Wage Board for non-journalists aforesaid;

And whereas such negotiations failed and the workmen have been on strike since the 23rd July, 1968;

And whereas the employers have since agreed to pay, in addition to the existing emoluments, 75 per cent of the difference between the existing emoluments and the emoluments payable under the Wage Board's recommendations, to the workmen covered by the recommendations of the Wage Board, from the date of resumption of work by the workmen and have further agreed to continue to pay the same up to the date when the award on this reference becomes enforceable;

And whereas the employers have further agreed that in fitting the pay of workmen in the pay scales determined by the award on this reference, the total

emoluments payable to a workman in accordance with the agreement mentioned in the preceding paragraph (hereinafter referred to as the employers' agreement) immediately before the date on which the award on this reference becomes enforceable will be protected;

And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that the dispute involves questions of national importance and is also of such a nature that newspaper establishments situated in more than one State are likely to be interested in or affected by such dispute;

And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that the dispute should be adjudicated by a National Tribunal;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7B and sub-section (1A) of section 10 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (14 of 1947), the Central Government hereby constitutes a National Tribunal at Calcutta of which Shri Justice B. N. Banerjee shall be the Presiding Officer and refers the said dispute to the said National Tribunal for adjudication.

SCHEDULE

- (1) Whether the recommendations of the Wage Board for non-journalist employees as accepted by Government by its Resolution No. WB-17 (7)/67 dated the 18th November, 1967, are unfair or unreasonable and if so what modifications are required therein to ensure a fair and just wage structure for the non-journalists, having due regard to the paying capacity of the respective newspaper establishments, the employers' agreement and the emoluments of employees engaged in comparable establishments;
- (2) whether any categories of non-journalist employees in the newspaper establishments mentioned in the Annexure stand excluded from the recommendations of the Wage Board, and if so, which those categories are and what the wage structure for such categories should be;
- (3) whether according to the recommendations of the Wage Board for non-journalist employees as accepted by Government by its resolution No. WB-17(7)/67 dated the 18th November, 1967, the Free Press Journal, Bombay, is to be placed in class III and if not, what its classification should be.

ANNEXURE

1. The STATESMAN—Calcutta and New Delhi.
2. The INDIAN EXPRESS—Bombay and New Delhi.
3. The FREE PRESS JOURNAL—Bombay.
4. The HINDUSTAN TIMES—New Delhi.
5. The HINDUSTAN STANDARD—Calcutta.
6. The ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA—Calcutta.

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P. C. MATHEW, Secy.